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13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 AARON GOMEZ,  
17 aka "Blanco,"  
JONATHAN FERNANDO GONZALEZ,  
18 aka "Trigger,"  
ANTHONY GONZALEZ,  
19 aka "Richie,"  
JESSE PERALES, and  
20 aka "Cartoon,"

21 Defendants.

No. CR 2:25-25-FMO

GOVERNMENT'S EX PARTE APPLICATION  
TO UNSEAL CASE

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23 Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel  
24 of record, the Acting United States Attorney for the Central District  
25 of California and Assistant United States Attorneys Declan T. Conroy  
26 and Daniel H. Weiner, hereby files this ex parte application to  
27 unseal the case in the above-captioned case, except for the  
28 complaint.

1           This application is based upon the attached declaration of  
2 Daniel H. Weiner and the files and records in this case.

3       Dated: January 24, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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**DECLARATION OF DANIEL H. WEINER**

I, DANIEL H. WEINER, declare as follows:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California. I am assigned to represent the government in this case. I make this declaration in support of the government's ex parte application to unseal the case and indictment, except for the complaint, in United States v. Gomez, et al., Case No. CR 2:25-25-FMO.

2. On December 12, 2024, an under-seal complaint was filed charging defendants with violent crime in aid of racketeering, in violation of §§ 18 U.S.C. 1959(a), 2(a) (alleging attempted murder). See United States v. Gomez, et al., Case No. CR 2:24-mj-7371-AGR.

3. On December 17, 2024, defendants AARON GOMEZ, JONATHAN FERNANDO GONZALEZ, and ANTHONY GONZALEZ made their initial appearance in this case on the complaint.

4. On January 15, 2025, the grand jury returned a sealed indictment charging all defendants with violent crimes in aid of racketeering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(2) (maiming) and § 1959(a)(3) (assault resulting in serious bodily injury). Defendant GOMEZ is charged with an additional count of 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(5), alleging attempted murder.

5. On or around January 20, 2024, defendant JESSE PERALES was arrested by local law enforcement in the Central District of California, and is expected to make his initial appearance on the indictment in this case after the resolution of his pending California state criminal matter and/or the state's acceptance of a writ of habeas corpus ad prosequendum.

